December, 1987, called for an increase in the Union Government's allocation for education; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and to the other suggestions of the conference, namely, that private sector and philanthropy be encouraged to support higher education by liberalising tax exemption policy of the Government in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Policy on Education-1986 envisages that the investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of expenditure of 6 per cent of National Income as early as possible. The outlay for education in the VII Plan is being stepped up considerably. While considering the question of mobilising resources for education, the suggestion that liberalised tax exemption policy would encourage support to higher education by the private sector and philanthropy would also be kept in view.

Indian monkeys infected with in AIDS like virus

896. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be plaesed to state:

(a) whether biologists have found Indian monkeys infected with an AIDS like virus called the Simian Immuno deficiency Virus (SIV); and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings of the biologists in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, National Institute of Virology, Pune has reported that Antibodies to Simian immuno deficiency Virus has been detected in some Indian monkeys. Further investigations regarding Simian Immuno deficiency Virus infection in Indian monkeys are on.

Construction of Rail lines by SIDC and by States and Central Government Jointly

897. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some railway lines in the country are being constructed by State Industrial Development Corporations and some jointly by the States and the Central Government and if so, the details of such projects, State-wise and cost-wise;

(b) what are the criteria adopted in such cases by the Railway Board and the guidelines for the agency that carry out the work;

(c) whether State Governments have been sounded to recommend and propose railway projects of their choice and priority, to be considered by Railway Board; and

(d) whether there is any proposal for new railway projects in the joint sector in Gujarat State, if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The under-mentioned rail lines are presently being constructed at the cost of State Industrial Development Corporations or

jointly by the State and central Govern ment

State	Rail line	Cost (Rs. in crores)	Cost borne by
Maharashtra . . .	Mankhurd-Belapur (18 Km)	132	67% by City Industrial Development Corpn. (CIDCO) of State Government and 33% by Railways.
Maharashtra . . .	Kalwa-Thurbe (14 Km)	17	100% by CIDCO
Maharashtra . . .	Belapur-Panvel (11 Km)	22	100% by CIDCO

(b) The criteria adopted in such cases are as follows:—

Any siding specifically required by an industry/agency is to be constructed at its cost. Certain specified items of work, like track, bridges and signalling are invariably to be done by the Railways, on deposit terms, or through approved agencies like RITES and IRCON. Other items of work are allowed to be done by the party according to the Railways' specifications.

Lines for public carriage of passengers are normally constructed by the Railways at their own cost. However, in the case of the Mankhurd-Belapur extension of the existing suburban railway system of Central Railway, a consortium approach has been adopted, the Maharashtra Government agreeing to share 67 per cent of the cost. This project is being executed by the Railways.

(c) No, Sir. State Governments have, on their own, been recommending construction of certain rail lines.

(d) No, Sir.

Grant-in-aid to Matru Mandir, Maharashtra

898 SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to restore the grant-in-aid to Matru Mandir, Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, since when; and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

ज्योतिर्लिंग महादेव मन्दिर के लिये विशेष रेल सेवा

899. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :**
श्री राम चन्द्र विकल :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में वैधनाथधाम स्थित ज्योतिर्लिंग महादेव मंदिर में देश के प्रत्येक भाग से सावन भादों के महीने में लगभग एक लाख भक्तगण आते हैं लेकिन इस स्थान के लिये उस विशेष समय में बिहार के किसी भी भाग से कोई विशेष रेल गाडियां नहीं चलाई जाती हैं ;

(ख) क्या वर्षों से जन प्रतिनिधि इस प्रकार की विशेष रेल गाड़ियों की निरन्तर मांग करते आ रहे हैं और क्या रेल प्राधिकारियों का ध्यान इस तथ्य की ओर दिलाया गया है कि भक्त गण गंगा स्नान जल भरने के लिए पहले सुल्तानगंज-अजगैवी नाथ (पर्व रेलवे) आते है और यहां गंगा में स्नान करने के बाद अधिकांश भक्तगण पवित्र जल के साथ या पैदल चलकर या उनमें से कुछ लोग अपनी मोटर-गाड़ियों द्वारा वहां पहुंचते हैं लेकिन ए